

A KENTUCKY HISTORY MOMENT



The Amyx family named Egypt, Kentucky. Their address was Gray Hawk, about 10 minutes down the road. Kentucky Historical Society, Ronald Morgan Kentucky Postcard Collection, Graphic5.Box6.222.

JACKSON COUNTY: MUMMIE AND EGYPT; THE STORIES BEHIND THE NAMES

Place names Mummie and Egypt in Jackson County might seem to be related, but their origins are quite different. Mummie got its name when early settlers discovered a mummified human body there. Egypt got its name in the late 19th century when a post office opened. The name came from a transplanted Tennessee family that felt as if they had been “exiled to Egypt” because the location was so remote.



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